

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard H. Tushin on 03/15/10.

The application has been amended as follows:

In The Claims:

In claim 25, line 1, delete "24" and insert --23--.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record taken alone and in combination does not disclose "an acoustic sensor comprising at least one resonant element; a driver comprising an electrical coupling means and an electromagnetic field source, arranged such that, in use, the electrical coupling means transfers current to the electromagnetic field source which produces an electromagnetic field that wirelessly drives the at least one resonant element, with matching resonances of the electromagnetic field source with matching resonances of the electromagnetic field source and the at least one resonance element, to produce acoustic waves directed to a predetermined part of a test sample, said electrical coupling means comprising a multiply resonant coaxial transmission line, an electromagnetic detector and an electrical circuit connected to the driver and electromagnetic detector, the circuit arranged, in use, to provide the current and to

detect, in combination with the electromagnetic detector, the acoustic spectrum received by the electromagnetic detector” as recited in claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J M. SAINT SURIN whose telephone number is (571)272-2206. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays to Fridays between 9:30 A.M and 6:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Hezron L. Williams can be reached on (571) 272-2208. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

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